

**THIS WEEK AT FOREST HILL**

**Today**

9:34 AM Fellowship Time  
10:30 Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:30 PM Matthew Month (CWNC)

**Monday, August 23**

**Tuesday, August 24**

1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Maples House)

**Wednesday, August 25**

8:00 AM Prayer Quilt Ministry (FLC Room 109)  
11:30 Ladies' Lunch Out (Perico's Mexican Restaurant)

**Thursday, August 26**

**Friday, August 27 (office closed)**

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Jalapenos Mexican Rest.)

**Saturday, August 28**

**Sunday, August 29 – Mission Sunday**

9:34 AM Fellowship Time  
10:30 Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**FAMILY NEWS**

*Birthdays ...* *Anniversaries ...*

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**THE DATA BANK**

Attendance – 8/15/21	In Person 42	Virtual Views 96
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**OUR PURPOSE**

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church is a community based on God's Word and empowered by God's Spirit. We exist to exalt Jesus Christ; to equip people to serve Christ in their families, in the marketplace, and in the church; and to expand the kingdom of God in Helotes and Northwest San Antonio.

**Announcements**



**MISSION SUNDAY  
AUGUST 29**

*In light of the current COVID-19 situation in our community, the projects for Mission Sunday have been adapted to minimize gathering closely indoors. We will still have the opportunity to engage in various activities that will show God's love to the world, such as writing notes of appreciation to Helotes teachers, first responders and hospital personnel, supporting the Haitian earthquake disaster relief, and delivering communion kits to homebound members.*



**If you're sick,  
please stay HOME**

**If you (or someone in your household) are feeling unwell, we invite you to worship with us from home. We hope we are able to keep moving forward in distancing ourselves from the pandemic protocol and appreciate your help in keeping our campus a safe space for all to worship. Thank you for wearing your mask while moving around inside, keep on washing your hands, take care of yourself if you are feeling sick, and if you're able, we hope you can be vaccinated.**



**BEING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH:  
ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY**



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22, 2021, 10:30 AM**

13200 Bandera Rd. / P.O. Box 257 / Helotes, TX 78023  
(210) 695-3123  
[info@fhpconline.org](mailto:info@fhpconline.org) / [fhpconline.org](http://fhpconline.org)

If you are interested in joining Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, you may do so in one of three ways: public affirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

\*= Please stand, if comfortably able

### THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Take My Life*

A quiet time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

#### Greeting & Announcements

#### Matthew 25 Video

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?

**All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

**All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

**All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

**All: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

#### Opening Prayer

#### Musical Interlude

*If We Are the Body*

### THE LORD FORGIVES OUR SINS

#### Call to Confession

Liturgist: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain, in the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honor, in a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy, in a world calling for the blessing of truth,

**All: We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!**

#### Prayer of Confession

**All: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.**

#### Time of Silent Reflection

#### Words at the Font and Assurance of Pardon

#### Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share the peace of Christ with everyone!

#### Children’s Sermon - Blessing of the Backpacks

After the Children’s Sermon, children aged kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.

### THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25: 31-46

#### Sermon

Rev. Katy Walters

*Being a Matthew 25 Church: Eradicating Systemic Poverty*

#### Musical Meditation

*The Servant Song*

### WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

#### Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

##### Prayer of Dedication

#### Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

### THE LORD GOES WITH US

#### \*Charge & Benediction

#### Postlude

*About the Matthew 25 Image:*

**The circular shape** represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world. **The three interlocking figures** represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas we will be looking at as well as the Trinity. **The color palette** is bright, lively, friendly, and energetic, suggestive of our active commitment. **We use a handwritten font** to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

The Vasquez/Galvan family; Sean’s friends, the Bonilla family; Donna’s friends, the Rivera family and brother-in-law, Bob; the Runnels family; the Vinton family; JaLinda Novak; Christina M.’s family; Pam P.’s cousin, Bill; the family of Shannon Hawthorne.

### TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: JaLinda Novak

Guest Musician: Deb Harrison

Pastor: Rev. Katy Walters

Elder of the Month: Cameron Carnes

### KIDS AT FOREST HILLS

Children are welcome to use the Family Worship Bags located in the back on the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to use the narthex as a cry room during the worship service and mother’s needing to nurse are welcome to use the choir room.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14)

### WELCOME TO FOREST HILLS

If you're worshiping with us for the first time today, we're so glad you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us. We live stream the service through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ForestHillsHelotes/> for those who prefer to worship remotely. The service will be uploaded and available on our church website at <http://fhpconline.org/> following the live version Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, the pastor will be happy to speak with you after worship.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer request cards are located in the narthex or can be acquired from an usher. Please feel free to fill one out and either hand it to an usher or place in the offering plate.

### PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilt Ministry at Forest Hills makes lap-size quilts for people who are seriously ill, cannot attend worship or who, because of recent events in their life, are in particular need of God’s love and our prayers. If you know someone who needs a prayer quilt, please fill out a Prayer Quilt Request Card found in the narthex or contact Margie Cox at [margiecox78023@yahoo.com](mailto:margiecox78023@yahoo.com) or (830) 510-4130.

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Sunday after worship from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Children’s Worship & Nurture Center (CWNC). All middle and high school aged youth are welcome!

### ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, we offer online giving through PayPal. Simply log on to our website at [fhpconline.org](http://fhpconline.org) and click on the “Giving” tab at the top for instructions, or use the Giving Code below. Your gifts will support the ministries of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church here and in the community.

